State of wisconsin Senate Journal

Ninety-Fourth Regular Session

WEDNESDAY, September 27, 2000

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin

September 26, 2000

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am writing to resign from my position as a member of the Migrant Labor Council effective immediately.

My duties as Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Finance simply do not afford me the time to attend the Council meetings, which are often held out of town.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

BRIAN BURKE

State Senator

State of Wisconsin

September 26, 2000

The Honorable, The Senate:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 20 (2) (a), I have appointed Senator Judy Robson to the Migrant Labor Council.

Sincerely,

CHUCK CHVALA

Chair, Committee on Senate Organization

State of Wisconsin

September 26, 2000

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am writing to hereby resign from the Joint Committee on Finance for the committee's executive session of Tuesday, September 26, 2000 as necessitated by my membership on the Wisconsin Tobacco Control Board. The full Tobacco Control Board meeting scheduled for this day requires by presence for purposes of voting on action related to our strategic plan and budget proposals. I will be ready and available to resume my duties as a member of the Joint Committee on Finance following its action today.

Sincerely,

BOB JAUCH

State Senator

25th Senate District

State of Wisconsin

September 26, 2000

The Honorable, The Senate:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 20 (2)(a), I have appointed Senator Judy Robson to the Joint Committee on Finance.

Sincerely,

CHUCK CHVALA

Chair, Committee on Senate Organization

State of Wisconsin

September 26, 2000

The Honorable, The Senate:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 20 (2) (a), I have appointed Senator Bob Jauch to the Joint Committee on Fiance, and removed Senator Judy Robson.

Sincerely,

CHUCK CHVALA

Chair, Committee on Senate Organization

State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services

September 20, 2000

The Honorable, The Senate:

Enclosed is a copy of the Child Abuse and Neglect Report, 1997 and 1998 data, pursuant to s. 48.981. The report includes a statistical analysis of suspected child abuse and neglect reports received and investigated by county child protective services (CPS) agencies in 1997 and by the county CPS agencies and the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare 1998. The report also contains information on child fatalities due to child abuse or neglect.

Sincerely,

JOE LEEAN

Secretary

State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

September 18, 2000

The Honorable, The Legislature:

Pursuant to section 292.25, Wis. Stats., the Department of Natural Resources is required to prepare a report that provides an update on the status of the Voluntary Party Liability Exemption (s. 292.15, Wis. Stats.). The Voluntary Party Liability Exemption is a process that allows parties to clean up brownfield properties and receive exemptions from future liability. This report is required to be submitted to the Legislature, the Govern, and the Department of Administration.

Attached please find the report on the Voluntary Party Liability Exemption. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Prager with the Department's Remediation and Redevelopment program at (608) 261-4927 or pragem@dnr.state.wi.us.

Sincerely,

GEORGE E. MEYER

Secretary

State of Wisconsin TEACH Wisconsin

September 25, 2000

The Honorable, The Legislature:

I am writing to report to you the activities of the TEACH Wisconsin Board as required by Wis. Stats. s. 44.71(2)(f).

The current members of the TEACH Board are:

Raymond Allen (Chair), Public Member

Jonathan Barry, University of Wisconsin Board of Regents James M. Bowen, Public Member

Richard Chandler, for Secretary George Lightbourn, Department of Administration

Rodney G. Pasch, Public Member

Calvin Potter, for State Superintendent John Benson, Department of Public Instruction

L. Anne Reid (Secretary), Wisconsin Technical College System Board

Darylann Whitemarsh, Educational Communications Board Gus W. Wirth, Jr. (Vice Chair), Public Member

Since the TEACH Board s biennial report of October 1998, significant progress has been made in the deployment of educational technologies across the state. The data line program has grown by almost 65%, the video link program by 45%, and the Existing Contract Grant program is holding steady. The Board hopes to provide either Internet access or full motion video services to most of the presently eligible institutions by the close of Fiscal Year 2003.

Progress still needs to be made in training teachers to use educational technologies effectively in the classroom to have an impact on student achievement and performance. A comprehensive educational technology training plan developed by TEACH is in place and will be implemented in January 2001. However, a continued commitment to staff development needs to be made by the state.

Finally, new and exciting opportunities are on the horizon with the TEACH Board expanding its efforts to the Governor seading Literacy Initiative and his Foreign Language Distance Education Pilot for K-6, as well as continued strengthening of collaborative activities among the states educational institutions in delivering educational technologies and promoting staff development in those technologies. A detailed explanation of the status of each statutory program, an update on the TEACH Board scollaborative activities, and a description of new TEACH initiatives is attached.

Thank you for your continued support of TEACH Wisconsin. Please contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

DORIS J. HANSON Executive Director

State of Wisconsin Department of Revenue

September 19, 2000

The Honorable, The Legislature:

I am submitting the quarterly report of the Wisconsin Lottery for the quarter ending June 30, 2000. As required by s. 565.37(3), Wis. Stats., the attached materials contain unaudited

Wisconsin Lottery year to date Sales and Expenditure information.

The summary information reported here is not intended to be a complete financial accounting of the Wisconsin Lottery Fund. It reflects current law, including provisions of 1999 Wisconsin Act 5.

The 1990-01 biennial budget provides for the payment of retailer commissions, vendor fees and administrative expenses from the General Fund, rather than from the Lottery Fund. Administrative expenditures that were encumbered in fiscal year 1998-99, however, are reported as Lottery Fund expenditures. Adjustments made through the course of the year to ensure compliance with provisions of the 1999-01 biennial budget are noted as such.

Year-to-date transfers of \$1,744,634 recorded in the first three quarters of the current fiscal year for Farmland Tax Credit Distributions were reversed in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year.

The Lottery Fund Balance customarily becomes negative during the third fiscal quarter due to the Property Tax Credit distribution made in March.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this report, please feel free to contact me at (608) 266-6466.

Sincerely,

CATE ZEUSKE Secretary of Revenue

State of Wisconsin Department of Administration Division of Gaming

September 20, 2000

The Honorable, The Legislature:

Included with this correspondence, I am submitting the report of the Department of Administration, Division of Gaming (Gaming), for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000. As required by s. 562.02(1)(g), Wis. Stats., the attached materials contain pari-mutuel wagering and racing statistical information, as well as the revenues for the program areas of Racing, Charitable Gaming and Indian Gaming. Please note that Bingo revenues are now captured in a new appropriation (836) and therefore are shown on a separate chart from the rest of Charitable Gaming.

If you have any question or comments regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me at (608) 270–2560.

Sincerely,

F. SCOTT SCEPANIAK Administrator

State of Wisconsin Ethics Board

September 19, 2000

The Honorable, The Senate:

The following lobbyists have been authorized to act on behalf of the organizations set opposite their names.

For more detailed information about these lobbyists and organizations and a complete list of organizations and people authorized to lobby the 1999 session of the legislature, visit the Ethics Board's web site at http://ethics.state.wi.us

Kuehn, Ronald W Envirotest Wisconsin Inc

Pawlisch, Curt Wisconsin Professional Police Association

Also available from the Wisconsin Ethics Board are reports identifying the amount and value of time state agencies have spent to affect legislative action and reports of expenditures for

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE [September 27, 2000]

lobbying activities filed by the organizations that employ lobbyists.

Sincerely,

ROTH JUDD Director

REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE REPORTS CONCERNING PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 00-106

Relating to the regulation of auctioneers and auction

companies.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing. Report received from Agency, September 25, 2000.

Referred to committee on **Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations,** September 27, 2000.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 00–120

Relating to standards for insurance marketed to fund prearranged funeral plans.

Submitted by Office of the Commissioner of Insurance.

Report received from Agency, September 26, 2000.

Referred to committee on **Insurance**, **Tourism**, **Transportation and Corrections**, September 27, 2000.